

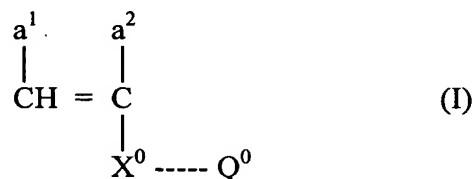
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An oil based ink composition for inkjet printer comprising ~~a coloring agent and a binder resin~~ fine particles in a non-aqueous dispersion medium, the fine particles being obtained by melting and kneading a coloring agent and a binder resin; and dispersing the fine particles comprising coloring agent and binder resin in the non-aqueous medium, wherein the binder resin comprises a copolymer which is insoluble in the non-aqueous dispersion medium and comprises (a) a monofunctional monomer A containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms and (b) a monofunctional monomer B, which is capable of copolymerizing with the monofunctional monomer A and a homopolymer of which is soluble in the non-aqueous dispersion medium.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The oil based ink composition for inkjet printer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the monofunctional monomer A containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms is a monomer represented by the following formula (I):



wherein, X⁰ represents a connecting group selected from the group consisting of -COO-, -OCO-, -(CH₂)_k-OCO-, -(CH₂)_k-COO-, -COO(CH₂)_k-, -COO(CH₂O)_k-, -CONHCOO-, -

CONHCONH-, -O-, and a combination of these groups; k represents an integer of from 1 to 3; a¹ and a², which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydrocarbon group, -COO-Z¹ or -COO-Z¹ connected through a hydrocarbon group; Z¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an hydrocarbon group; and Q⁰ represents an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (Original): The oil based ink composition for inkjet printer as claimed in Claim 1, which further comprises a dispersant for pigment.

Claim 4 (Original): The oil based ink composition for inkjet printer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the coloring agent is coated with the binder resin to form a colored admixture and the colored admixture has the maximum particle size of not more than 1 μm and an average particle size of from 0.01 to 0.5 μm .

Claim 5 (Canceled)